



# SEEKONK

## Bristol County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

The Town of Seekonk is a suburban community on the Rhode Island border. It was incorporated in 1812 from the western half of Rehoboth and contains rolling hills with extensive swamp acreage in the central portions of the town. During King Philip's war, settlers fled the Seekonk area and took refuge in several garrison houses located south and north of the town. It is conjectured that the buildings in the town suffered severe damage during the war and it was probably after 1676 that settlers started moving back. Two industrial villages developed to supplement the agricultural economy, with such businesses as the Rumford Chemical Works, but what had been the industrial area of the town in the late 18th and early 19th century was lost when East Providence was incorporated in 1862 taking half of the town's territory, two-thirds of its valuation and more than two-thirds of its population.

The town remained basically agricultural into the 20th century, although the Kent Manufacturing Company did make tennis racquets and croquet sets on the upper reaches of the Tenmile River. With the opening of the Providence and Taunton street railway in 1891, Seekonk became increasingly a residential suburb of Providence.

(Seal supplied by community. Narrative based on information provided by the Massachusetts Historical Commission)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Southeastern Massachusetts, bordered by Pawtucket, Rhode Island, on the northwest; East Providence, Rhode Island, on the southwest; Attleboro on the north; Rehoboth on the east; and Swansea on the south. Seekonk is 37 miles south of Boston; 40 miles southeast of Worcester; 4 miles east of Providence, Rhode Island; and 184 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 18.42 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 18.32 sq. miles

**Population:** 13,046

**Density:** 712 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Taunton Station)

Normal temperature in January.....25.9°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.2°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.7"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

East Providence, Attleborough

## Regional Planning Agency

Southeastern Regional Planning and  
Economic Development District

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Fall River



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (508) 336-7400

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary

Representative Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1812

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

	Number	%	
Total Registered	7,347		
Democrats	1,345	18.3	%
Republicans	685	9.3	%
Other parties	2	0.0	%
Unenrolled Voters	5,315	72.3	%

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Seekonk town, Bristol County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	13,425	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	13,425	100.0
Male.....	6,517	48.5	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	99	0.7
Female.....	6,908	51.5	Mexican.....	20	0.1
Under 5 years.....	751	5.6	Puerto Rican.....	29	0.2
5 to 9 years.....	922	6.9	Cuban.....	4	-
10 to 14 years.....	1,060	7.9	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	46	0.3
15 to 19 years.....	956	7.1	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	13,326	99.3
20 to 24 years.....	524	3.9	White alone.....	12,897	96.1
25 to 34 years.....	1,446	10.8	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	2,412	18.0	Total population.....	13,425	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	2,195	16.4	In households.....	13,423	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	789	5.9	Householder.....	4,843	36.1
60 to 64 years.....	560	4.2	Spouse.....	3,273	24.4
65 to 74 years.....	996	7.4	Child.....	4,437	33.1
75 to 84 years.....	655	4.9	Own child under 18 years.....	3,155	23.5
85 years and over.....	159	1.2	Other relatives.....	516	3.8
Median age (years).....	39.7	(X)	Under 18 years.....	194	1.4
18 years and over.....	10,033	74.7	Nonrelatives.....	354	2.6
Male.....	4,824	35.9	Unmarried partner.....	184	1.4
Female.....	5,209	38.8	In group quarters.....	2	-
21 years and over.....	9,612	71.6	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	2,149	16.0	Noninstitutionalized population.....	2	-
65 years and over.....	1,810	13.5	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	796	5.9	Total households.....	4,843	100.0
Female.....	1,014	7.6	Family households (families).....	3,874	80.0
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	1,727	35.7
One race.....	13,267	98.8	Married-couple family.....	3,273	67.6
White.....	12,964	96.6	With own children under 18 years.....	1,454	30.0
Black or African American.....	70	0.5	Female householder, no husband present.....	459	9.5
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	38	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	216	4.5
Asian.....	127	0.9	Nonfamily households.....	969	20.0
Asian Indian.....	20	0.1	Householder living alone.....	815	16.8
Chinese.....	76	0.6	Householder 65 years and over.....	428	8.8
Filipino.....	6	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	1,860	38.4
Japanese.....	3	-	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	1,311	27.1
Korean.....	12	0.1	Average household size.....	2.77	(X)
Vietnamese.....	5	-	Average family size.....	3.12	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	5	-	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	4,947	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	4,843	97.9
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	104	2.1
Samoa.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	-	-	occasional use.....	20	0.4
Some other race.....	68	0.5	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.4	(X)
Two or more races.....	158	1.2	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.5	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races: <sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	4,843	100.0
White.....	13,097	97.6	Owner-occupied housing units.....	4,297	88.7
Black or African American.....	120	0.9	Renter-occupied housing units.....	546	11.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	95	0.7	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.83	(X)
Asian.....	145	1.1	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.27	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	15	0.1			
Some other race.....	131	1.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 80

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 1

Federal (Section 8): 0



# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

The Taunton-Attleboro region, where Seekonk is located, has excellent highway facilities. Interstate 495, especially well designed south of Boston, provides access to Interstate 90 to the northwest and to U.S. Route 6, the Mid-Cape Highway, to the southeast. Interstate 95 and the Fall River Expressway (State Route 24) provide access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston and Providence.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 152; Interstate 195 and U.S. Route 6, which link the southern coastal cities and towns; and U.S. Route 44, which runs roughly E-W between Plymouth and Providence, Rhode Island. Interstate Route 95 is accessible in the neighboring town of Attleboro.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to Back Bay Station and South Station, Boston, is available from South Attleboro Station in the adjacent town of Attleboro. Travel time to BBS: 45-56 min.; 562 MBTA parking spaces.

### Bus

Seekonk is not affiliated with a regional transit authority.

### Other

Airport facilities are available at the municipal airports of Fall River and Providence, Rhode Island.



# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

## MUSEUMS

(American Association of Museums)

None

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

None

### Long Term Care

None

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

None

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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